

Remarks

Claims are presently pending in this application. Applicants have amended the claims to conform with accepted United States patent practice.

Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification as-filed as the amendment merely serves to correct grammatical issues. Specific support for the term "isolated nucleic acid" is described in detail in paragraph 4 on page 5 of the specification in the application. In the instant application, the term "isolated" refers to nucleic acid molecules that have been prepared synthetically or isolated from DNA libraries.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims are fully supported by the original specification and request favorable and early examination of these claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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